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The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals Awards Contract for Inpatient Psychiatric and Medical Detoxification Services to Indigent and Uninsured Individuals

Cranston, RI, December, 2011 – The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) has selected The Providence Center to administer a two-year contract for inpatient psychiatric and medical detoxification services for indigent and uninsured individuals. The contract is effective January 1, 2012.

The Providence Center will administer these services through their RESPECT program (Recovery-oriented, Empathic Services Proactively Empowering Consumers in Treatment). This state-wide service delivery system provides a single intake system, staffed 24/7, to coordinate, monitor and arrange inpatient psychiatric and medical detoxification services for this population. It also provides a screening protocol that will place clients in the level of care that best meets their needs and a technology system that gives real-time information about the availability of services and tracks continuity of care.

“BHDDH is pleased to award this contract to The Providence Center”, says Craig Stenning, Director. “It is important to provide an effective and client-centered continuum of services that focuses on each individual’s needs.”

“We look forward to working with BHDDH to assure that indigent and uninsured individuals across the State receive access to clinically appropriate services delivered in a high-quality and cost-effective manner”, says Dale Klatzker, PhD, President and CEO of The Providence Center.

Outcomes that will be met during the first year of the program include a reduction in psychiatric inpatient and medical detoxification re-admissions, a decrease in emergency room wait times, a decrease in the failure to complete treatment, and links to community services for clients.

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About the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.

BHDDH is committed to assuring access to quality services and support for Rhode Islanders with developmental disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues and chronic, long-term medical and psychiatric conditions. In addition to planning for the development of new services and prevention activities, the department's mission includes addressing the stigma attached to these disabilities.

About The Providence Center

The mission of The Providence Center is to help adults, adolescents and children affected by psychiatric illnesses, emotional problems and addictions by providing treatment and supportive services within a community setting. The agency's core values reflect a belief in a continuum of quality care that is patient-centered, recovery-oriented and innovative.

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